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For Immediate Release

Michigan Division on Deaf and Hard of Hearing Hosting Public Forum in Escanaba on June 15

Lansing—The Michigan Division on Deaf and Hard of Hearing will hold a public forum in the Upper Peninsula on Friday, June 15, 2012. The purpose of the forum is to create awareness of the Division on Deaf and Hard of Hearing and to improve the Division's services to residents. The forum will be of interest to people who are deaf, hard of hearing and deaf-blind, their family members, and agencies interested creating accessibility and learning more about the Division's work.

The forum will take place at the Peninsula Bay Inn, located at 2603 North Lincoln Road, Escanaba, 49829. The event will start at 6:00 pm and end at 9:00 pm. Members of the Division's staff will present on some of the following topics:

- Services available through the Division on Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Assistive Devices
- Deaf Self-Advocacy Training
- Deaf Persons' Interpreter Act, Interpreter Testing, Interpreter Professional Development
- Proposed Interpreting Rules

The event will be sign language interpreted. Please contact us by June 1 if you require Computer Assisted Real-time Translation (captioning), or need other accommodations. Individuals attending the meeting are asked to refrain from using heavily scented personal care products to enhance accessibility for everyone.

Please RSVP your attendance and/or accommodation needs to DODHH@Michigan.gov or call our toll-free number 1-877-499-6232 (TTY/V) or 517/507-5223 (videophone). Light refreshments will be served.

To learn more about the Division and its work, please visit www.michigan.gov/mcdc-dodhh.

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